

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Tove Ringerike et al.
Serial No. : 10/577,268
Filed : as §371 national stage of PCT International
Application No. PCT/PL2004/000075
For : TOOLS AND METHODS USEFUL IN CHARACTERISING THE
IMMUNOTOXIC ACTIVITY OF XENOBIOTIC SUBSTANCES
Conf. No. : 2090

30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112
February 6, 2012

VIA EFS-WEB

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO JANUARY 4, 2012 OFFICE ACTION

This is a response to a January 4, 2012 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A Response to the January 4, 2012 Office Action is due February 4, 2012. However, under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a), when the last day for taking any action in the United States Patent and Trademark Office falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal Holiday, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day. Since February 4, 2012 was a Saturday, a response filed on the next succeeding business day, i.e. Monday, February 6, 2012, is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.